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## STATE CAPITOL NEWS

By MELVIN LORD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—California's 51st session of the legislature concluded the first half of the law-making period with a rush of revenue bills that left the members completely at loss as far as a unified financial program was concerned.

After both houses had marked time pending the arrival of Governor Merriam's budget measure, a score of bills was introduced immediately following presentation of the administration program.

Governor Merriam proposed a series of new taxes ranging from an income tax at one-third of the federal rate, to such luxury levies as taxes on tobacco, amusements and consumption of public utility services.

While the senate appeared to be more or less in favor of the administration program, open opposition was evident in the lower house. This opposition was expressed in the introduction of bills providing for numerous levies in direct opposition to Governor Merriam's program.

The general trend of the proposed legislation seemed to be in favor of a tax of some sort on gross transactions. Proposals in this category ranged from a modified proposition seeking a sliding scale levy to one providing for a flat 2 per cent on gross income, established to raise $820,000,000 a year to be used for support of state, county and city government to the exclusion of all other taxes with the exception of special licenses.

Any number of other revenue proposals were in the legislative hopper, however. Taxes on motion picture footage, boat tonnage, chain stores and mineral production were very much in evidence.

The only major appropriation bill passed by both houses at the first half session provided $50,000 to continue the campaign in behalf of the $170,000,000 Central Valley water project. The fund was proposed to meet requirements looking toward a grant of federal aid for the water and power program.

The legislature was not concerned only with fiscal matters. Bills, for instance, were introduced to liberalize the divorce laws to permit granting of a decree automatically when both parties consent to the action. Another measure would abolish "breach of promise" and "alienation of affections" as causes of actions.

One of the first investigations authorized by the legislature got under way with a rush. The assembly committee appointed to inquire into activities of building and loan associations started off with a series of meetings in Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco. Other meetings in southern California were planned in the immediate future.

Slot machines should be barred, but not confiscated when merely stored in a warehouse, according to terms of a bill introduced by Assemblyman Charles A. Hunt, Los Angeles. The lawmaker said slot machines were manufactured in Los Angeles for shipment to Mexico and states where their possession and operation are legal.

Roll calls sometimes become so automatic that many senators voted on amendments to a bill by Senator Jack Metzger without knowing they were approving recommendations for a sweeping investigation of canneries, packing houses, dairies and other large scale activities connected with agriculture and horticulture. Metzger's original bill merely proposed an inqiury into stockyards.

Maybe there's something in a name at that. For instance Assemblymen Field and Stream are joint authors of a game conservation bill. And Assemblyman William Hornblower is chairman of the motor vehicles committee.

## P.-T. A. MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the P.-T. A. will be held at the Grammar school on Friday night starting at 7:30.

## TAX PROGRAM DESIGNED TO CREATE REVENUE

### Every One Included in Taxing to Help Increase New State Budget

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—A 10-point tax program designed to raise $107,300,000 in new revenue to balance California's expenses for 1935-37 formed the highlights of Governor Merriam's budget message to the legislature.

In addition to tapping new sources for that amount of money, Merriam would raise $47,300,000 for unemployment relief, the funds to be used exclusively in a public works program.

High points of his budget message:

A total sum of $228,266,838 will be needed to meet the costs of general state government during the next two eyars.

Estimated revenue under existing law will produce $132,643.656.

Revenue needed for new sources to balance the budget will total $95,623,182.

Total increase of new budget over that of 1933-35 is $13,742,071.

Present deficit of $29,000,000 may be absorbed through increased revenues or through amortization over a period of years.

New revenue sources recommended:

1—Personal income tax, at one-third federal normal and surtax rates, $17,500,000.

2—Real estate transfer tax, 1 per cent on value of sales, $10,000,000.

3—Increase bank and corporation franchise tax from 2 to 4 per cent, $11,000,000.

4—Increase tax on beer from 2 to 3 cents a gallon, $1,000,000.

5—Tax intoxicating liquors 40c per proof gallon $2,400,000.

6—Increase rate of insurance gross premium tax from 2.6 to 4 per cent, $6,000,000.

7—Two per cent severance tax and processing tax, $12,000,000.

8—Tax on admissions to theaters, games, amusements, one cent on each 10 cents, exempting the first 20 cents, $4,000,000.

9—Increase motor transportation tax from 3 to 6 per cent, eliminating personal property tax, $1,400,000.

10—Increase retail sales tax from 2 per cent (to which point it will drop July 1 unless the legislature votes otherwise) to 3 per cent, $42,000,000.

Total of the 10 items, $107,300,000.

Alternate suggestion:

Eliminate personal property taxes on motor vehicles and levy fees in lieu thereof for state purposes based on weight and value, thus raising $25,000,000 without increasing the tax load on the individual automobile owner.

Unemployment relief fund to be raised as follows: One cent additional tax on gasoline, $23,300,000; 3 per cent consumers' tax on gas, electricity, telephone, telegraph and other utility services, $16,600,000; tobacco tax of two cents per package of 20 cigarets and 10 per cent on other products, $8,000,000.

Close co-operation with federal government in matters of old age pensions, unemployment insurance, public works programs and general unemployment relief.

Strive for uniformity of working hours in all lines of business and industry, making a 30-hour week the basis.

Encourage agricultural, mining and oil industries.

Include all California highways in a single state system.

Give state highway patrolmen full police powers.

## M. E. Church Services to Be Resumed Sunday

The Sunday services at the M. E. church will be resumed Sunday with Sunday school at 10 o'clock and church service at 11 o'clock.

Due to the illness of Rev. and Mrs. Willis services have not been held for two Sundays.

## BIGGER AND BETTER LEGION SNOW FROLIC IS READY

### With the Promise of Adequate Weather for the Program All Is in Readiness for the Annual Presentation; Trains and Automobiles Expected to Bring Crowds

All is in readiness for the Fourth Annual American Legion Snow Frolic to be held this week end. Despite the postponement of this affair on January 19 and 20 due to the heavy storm, a record breaking crowd is anticipated for the week end. The Southern Pacific will run special snow ball excursions from San Francisco and Sacramento and already report several trains lined up. The highway over the summit is in excellent condition and a large crowd will come by automobile.

A program of winter sports has been arranged for those who will arrive on Saturday, and on Saturday night the Snow Frolic Ball will be held. It is hoped the California Winter Sports Queen, Mrs. Dorothy Hess, will be able to lead the grand march. Music will be furnished by an orchestra from Grass Valley.

On Sunday a full program has been outlined for the day. The Sixth District meeting will be held in the morning and after luncheon a parade will form on Commercial Row and march to the snow stadium where the competitive events will be held and the California Winter Sports Queen, Dorothy Hess, will be presented. A small admisison charge will be made for admission to the snow stadium.

The competitive events include a band and a drum and bugle corps competition, the juvenile dog derby, ski baseball game, ski relay race and a snowball battle. There will be cash prizes for the band and the bugle corps competition and prizes of $7.50, $5.00 and $2.50 for the juvenile dob derby. A case of beer will be the prize for the winning teams in the ski baseball game and the relay race. All other events will receive American Legion athletic medals for prizes.

All entrants to the various events, which are open to the public, should register before 6 o'clock Friday evening with Frank Kinne. The team for the snow ball battle will have 10 men on each side and in the relay race there will be four men on each side. In the juvenile dog derby only two dogs will be allowed in any one team. In the ski meet there be B, C, novice and junior ski jumping.

A special display of fireworks and illumined ski jumping will close the program before the departure of the special trains.

A replica of a real Yukon Trading Post will be set up for the Legionnaires and their friends in the pavilion at the ice pond where they can congregate during the day. A lounge room for the ladies will be at the justice court room in the Riverside hotel.

The American Legion are requesting that their guests patronize those who have helped to make the snow frolic a financial success by contributing to the fund to pay the necessary expenses. A list of the contributors will be shown on the programs which will be distributed on the arriving trains and at the headquarters where the Legionnaires will register.

The program for the two days follows:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1935

Registration All Day at Yukon Trading Post
Arrival Special Cars from San Francisco.

10:00 a.m.—General Winter Sports Program Starts—Sledding, Tobogganing, Ice Skating, Skiing, Snow Balling, Sleigh Riding, Etc.
SPECIAL—"Old Grey Mare" Sleigh Excursion to Points of Interest in the Vicinity of Truckee
2:00 p.m.—Exhibition Ski Jumping
9:00 p.m.—Fourth Annual Snow Frolic Ball at Masonic Hall, with the Winter Sports Queen of California Dorothy Hess of Sacramento in attendance

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1935

Registration All Day at Yukon Trading Post

7:00 a.m.—Arrival Special trains from San Francisco and Bay Points
10:00 a.m.—Arrival Special Trains from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Roseville and Auburn
10:30 a.m.—Sixth District Meeting convenes at Masonic Hall
11:30 a.m.—Luncheon
12:30 p.m.—Assembly for Parade
1:00 p.m.—Parade to American Legion Snow Bowl and Presentation of the Winter Sports Queen of California, Dorothy Hess. Presentation of Permanent Charter to Truckee Post No. 439 American Legion
1:30 p.m.—Drum and Bugle Corps Competition. Band Competition. Ski Relay Race.
Revival of Juvenile Dog Derby Races, featuring Georgie Sanders, 10-year-old musher and winner of the 1928 Juvenile Dog Derby
Red Hot Baseball Game on Skiis (don't miss it)
Snowball Battle, 20 Husky Youngsters. Ski Jumping, Inter-Club meet.
6:00 p.m.—Special Fireworks Display and Illuminated Ski Jumping
7:00 p.m.—Departure of Special Trains

A general Winter Sports Program will be on at all times. Ladies' Lounge Room Justice Court, Riverside Hotel. Don't fail to attend the Kangaroo Court Trials, where violators of our patronage program will be brought by the "Village Kops."

SNOW FROLIC COMMITTEE

## Wyethia Club to Present Program February 7th

The next meeting of the Wyethia club will be held at their clubhouse on Thursday afternoon, February 7. Mrs. Dan Smith, president of the club, urges that all members be present as a very entertaining program has been arranged for the afternoon. Mrs. Jack Wolert will have charge of the musical program. Tea will be served by the hostesses, Mrs. A. B. Polyanich and Mrs. R. A. Tonini.

## Judge Raglan Tuttle Selects Grand Jury

Judge Raglan Tuttle has selected the following citizens of Meadow Lake Township from whom the 1936 grand jury will be selected. Unless some emergency arises they will not be drawn until next December.

J. B. Maxsom, A. P. Leitch, John C. Thornton, Clara A. Ocker, L. R. Lichtenberger, T. O'Hanrahan, Mrs. Belle White, James McIver, Roy Feathers, J. B. Clark, E. C. Murray and J. O. Jones.

## PRESIDENT'S BALL AND CARD PARTY DRAWS BIG CROWD

The second annaul President's Birthday Ball was held in the Masonic Hall last evening and proved one of the outstanding social and financial successes of the year. There was an excellent crowd to enjoy the dancing and the music as furnished by the Gillette Orchestra was very good.

The card party held in the Odd Fellows hall was also well attended by those who did not care to attend the dance. Prizes for high score were won by Mrs. Lotta Bryant and G. E. Hofmann and consolation prizes went to Mary Bolender and Harold Laity. A cake which was raffled off was won by Mrs. Mary Roquette.

The sum that has been realized from the dance and card party has not yet been announced, but by the ticket sale for the dance and card party a good sum should be collected.

## HEAVY SNOW WILL AID THE FISHING CONDITIONS, SAID

The best fishing season in years is predicted by the officials of the state division of fish and game due to the early rains and heavy snowfall in practically every mountain section of the state.

J. C. Lewis, superintendent of the Tahoe, Tallac and Alpine hatcheries as well as the Blackwood tanks, recently made a report on snow conditions to Herbert C. Davis, executive officer of the division of fish and game. He reported that there was more than 100 inches of snowfall in his section of the high Sierra and that he believed that the rains and snow which followed would fill up springs, lakes and streams so that ideal conditions would be found when the season opens in the spring. Before normal conditions could be restored, however, there would have to be several years of heavy rains early in the season, was the report of Mr. Lewis and superintendents in the various parts of the state.

Mr. Lewis reported that the Blue Lake egg taking station has been rebuilt and good conditions prevailed at Taylor creek and the egg stations on the Upper Truckee and at Independence lake. During 1934 the hatcheries of which Mr. Lewis has charge planted 3,600,000 eastern brook, lock laven, rainbow, steelhead and large lake trout. Two types of black-spotted trout were also planted in large numbers.

The areas that were planted extend from Bridgeport into Nevada County and to Independence lake. This include all streams in the vicinity that were suitable and 200 lakes in Desolation valley.

This year more eastern brook will be produced and planted as well as a large supply of lock laven.

These hatcheries cannot produce large fish for planting on account of the high altitude which causes the water to freeze up before the fish can be developed to a large size. The present policy has demonstrated its value.

## Ernest Beckert Passes Away at Oakland

Ernest Beckert, 84 years old, passed away at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon following an illness of a week at his home in Oakland. He was a former resident of Virginia City, the family having resided there many years.

Two daughters, Mrs. Georgia Lazier of Hobart Mills and Mrs. Mittie Dewar of Oakland and a son, Richard, of Oakland survive. Funeral services will be held Saturday with burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery at San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Lazier left Wednesday evening to attend the services.

Mr. Beckert was well known in Hobart Mills, having spent many summers at his daughter's home.

Russel B. Farley, state liquor control officer, and Roy Mitchell, sales tax auditor for the state board of equalization, were in town this week on business.

## LARGE NUMBER ENJOYS WINTER SPORTS SUNDAY

### Many People Here From Bay and Valley Points as Well as Reno

With ideal snow conditions prevailing over the week end there were about 700 winter sport visitors in town on Sunday to enjoy the various winter sports. The winter sports park had the biggest day of the season. The toboggan slide was in great demand and the skiing and tobogganing equipment was in use the entire day. The new equipment which was added this year and the repairs made to the equipment on hand by the SERA workers allows ample equipment for rent under ordinary conditions.

Two special trains arrived from San Francisco and the bay district and Sacramento and valley points. One party was made up of the District Passenger Agents of Northern California and their families and friends and the other party was made up of employes of the Pacific Gas and Electric company, who have an annual snow party to Truckee. Parking room for cars was at a premium during the day with those who drove up from Sacramento and came in from Reno.

The restaurants were taxed to capacity during the day and all the business people enjoyed a good patronage from the visitors.

An exhibition of ski jumping was given in the afternoon by members of the Truckee Ski club for the entertainment of the visitors.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS SEATS NEW OFFICERS

Summit Lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias, held the installation ceremonies of their lodge last Friday night with a large attendance of members.

Past Chancellor E. H. Paris was the installing officer and installed the following:

P. C., W. C. Caples; C. C., Karl Weeks; V. C., B. A. Canonic; prelate, Al Fontana; M. of E., Ben Tonini; M. of T., J. F. Lichtenberger; K. of R.S., Wm. Englehart; M. of W., W. C. Caples; M. of A., R. Cardinel; I. G., Robert Siebold, and O. G., Fred Kohler.

At the close of the installation the officers and members adjourned to the banquet room where a dutch lunch was served.

A program was presented including a piano solo by Wm. Englehart Jr.; accrdian solo, Al Fontana and a quartette composed of Frank Piehl, Karl Weeks, W. C. Caples and R. Cardinel, accompanied by Chester Elliott at the piano and Frank Piehl on the violin, sang several selections. Frank Piehl also sang in Swedish, "When It's Spring Time in the Rockies."

## Roy Mikkelsen Wins Ski Championship

Roy Mikkelsen of the Auburn Ski club became the national ski champion when he outclassed a brilliant field of class A riders at the National tournament on the famous Canton Hill in Canton, S. D., on Monday. Mikkelsen made two beautiful jumps of 172 and 184 feet.

Riding in his most dashing and stylish manner to score 224.10 points three points ahead of his nearest competitor, Sverre Fredheim of Minneapolis, Mikkelsen won his honors in much the same manner as he did in 1933 by out jumping the field.

Fredheim scored 221.40 points. Casper Oimen, the defending champion, followed with 219.70 points. Fredheim's jumps were 170 and 181 feet and Oimen's 166 and 175.

Louis H. Schroder, Southern Pacific conductor, was injured last Saturday while working on the rotary snow plow in the freight yard.

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# EDITORIALS

## JOIN THE SKI CLUB

The Truckee Ski club have started a drive for memberships in their club. The annual dues are $1 and associate memberships for business houses and fraternal and civic organizations are $5.

The Truckee Ski club is the pioneer ski club of the west and its members who have participated in the sanctioned meets of the various ski clubs in the state are of invaluable aid in advertising the winter sports of Truckee.

The ski club are in need of finances to carry on their work, such as paying their dues to the California Ski association, financing the trips the ski jumpers and cross country racers make to the meets in the state and for expenses necessary in the functioning of their club. The only way they have of securing these finances is through selling memberships, and every one in town should, as a civic duty, have their $1 or $5 ready for the members when they call on them. The active members of the club give freely of their time without any remuneration and it is up to the people of the community to see that they receive the financial backing necessary to carry out their program for the season.

There is no better way to publicize Truckee as the leading winter sport community than to have an active ski club who can attend the various meets and compete in the events.

You have an opportunity to show your appreciation to the members of this club for the exhibition jumping that they put on each week end for the visitors who come to Truckee and for the part they take in advertising the Truckee Winter Sports. JOIN THE TRUCKEE SKI CLUB!

## COMMENTS FROM CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS

By United Press

Despite the serious aspect of such occurrences, San Quentin prison's sensational break will prove of value if its object lessons are heeded, according to many editors.

Chief among these, it was agreed, is the need for additional prison facilities to relieve present over-crowded conditions.

These convicts, remarked the Lindsay Gazette, "had no regard for law—that's why they are there. They thought they were more important than the state. Most criminals have that perverted notion. To correct such outlawry a respect for authority should be enforced from the cradle It cannot be done after the criminal becomes an adult. The war on crime is primarily one of moral education."

While official inquiries will seek to fix responsibility for the outbreak, the Bakersfield Californian believes "the episode will have the effect of convincing the legislature and other constituted authorities of the necessity of providing additional prison capacity. San Quentin was designed to hold 3000 prisoners; more than double that number are now confined there and the situation has long been recognized as one that ought not to exist, one that invites just such a break as occurred."

The lessons suggested by the coup, in the opinion of the Riverside Daily Press, "certainly include the need of a revision of the parole system and the necessity of relieving the overcrowded condition of San Quentin by the early construction of an intermediate prison. Segregation of desperate and incorrigible convicts on one of the Santa Barbara channel islands—a second Alcatraz—isolating such prisoners from those who want another chance to go morally straight, is suggested alternative worthy of consideration."

The state needs another prison, notes the Salinas Index Journal "and it needs it in a hurry. If some provisions are not made soon for the great throng at San Quentin a mammoth jailbreak may be attempted. It already is being passed to outsiders that real trouble is brewing in the 'big house.' The new prison should be built south of the Tehachapi for the sake of convenience. Southern California sends the majority of the felons to San Quentin at present, at some cost and danger. A penitentiary in southern California would save the state money in transportation costs, as well as solve the present crowded conditions."

Unfortunately, points out the Oroville Mercury-Register, "the call to enlarge our prison facilities comes at a time when the state's financial condition is bad and the taxpayers are being hard pressed. However, something must be done immediately. We are lucky that the incident that places emphasis upon our prison conditions was passed with so few casualties."

Primarily the break emphasizes the need of improvement in the housing and handling of desperate criminals, said the Berkeley Daily Gazette. "Our prisons are greatly over-crowded and seemingly are insufficiently protected against deliveries. . . . The whole subject of prisons and their administration, together with the parole question, is due for a general overhauling. Some way must be found also to eliminate politics from this function of government. So long as there remains a trace of politics in the policing of city, state or nation or in the administration of prisons and prisoners, we will be unable to successfully cope with the growing problems of crime."

## "Weather" or Not

UNDER GROUND NEWS
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## POOL IN THE DESERT

Before reaching the first Tuareg village of In Amejel, Chapuis located another well, one of the most romantically located Haharan sources I have ever seen. We were passing a great solid wall of rock mountain when suddenly this old sand-dog skipper of the desert pointed at a certain spot and exclaimed that there was water over there. We drove the car to the spot indicated and to our surprise found a fissure in the rock into which Chapuis and Belaid promptly and mysteriously disappeared. After hunting around for a while we found the entrance and almost on hands and knees followed a long, cool passage in the tracks of the two vanished Saharans.

Our electric torches became useful until suddenly a shaft of light, coming from a fissure far overhead, lit up a beautiful pool of emerald water in the heart of the mountain; Strange inscriptions covered the walls and we saw the prints of Taureg sandals mixed with those of the jackal, gazelle and birds imprinted in the snow-white sand about the pool. The place was so strange that we spoke in whispers, which echoed and re-echoed in the dim passages of this ancient mountain known since the dawn of time by the desert folk, both human and animal. . . . .

How cool it was as we came in from the blasting heat of the desert floor! We stretched our tired muscles and car-cramped limbs in the soft powder-like sand and from time to time lazily bent over to drink the cool water with the extravagant and blissful feeling that we could drink all we wanted. We began to dream about the secret pool and our imaginations went into the realm of fancy when the pirates of the desert must have used this retreat as a hidden resting place.

We saw the rich caravans of old, bearing the gold dust and emeralds from the mines of the Garamantians to adorn the lovely ladies of ancient Carthage and Rome. Farther back we could picture the prehistoric hunters using the cave and preparing their flint knives and adzes by the apalescent waters of the life-giving pool. A few ostrich shells, bits of old cloth and matting, a few whitened bones and innumerable writings on the walls were all that remained on the surface, but we longed to dig out the sand-filled passages on either side of the pool in the hope that it might reveal a hidden treasure of a forgotten people. But time was precious and we must regretfully leave this lonely desert haunt.—Count Byron Khun de Prorok, in "Mysterious Sahara." (Chicago: Reilly & Lee.)

## Politically Speaking

By GEARGE E. HELMER
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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Governor Frank Finley Merriam's 10-point tax program to balance the general fund budget, coupled with his unemployment relief proposals, met with mingled praise and denunciation from California legislators.

Why, he's a radical, said one assemblyman who prefers to look on the lighter side of life.

If I'm to follow that program you may call me epic, said another.

Generally, however, the administration program was considered about as logical as any far-reaching plan thus far mentioned for meeting state obligations and aiding the unemployment situation.

Some points touched such highly controversial subjects that legislators predicted some heated fights.

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The governor's income tax proposal would raise an estimated $17-500,000 biennially, on the basis of one-third of the federal normal and surtax rates. Democratic leaders felt this was too low a rate and did not reach deep enough into upper bracket pockets.

There was little outward opposition to his proposed real estate transfer tax, increase in bank and corporation franchise and beer taxes, increased insurance gross premium and motor transportation taxes. Even his tax on admissions to theaters, games and other entertainments elicted little more than good natured criticism.

But fights loomed early on the severance tax, increased sales tax and higher gas tax, the latter for unemployment relief purposes.

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Although most legislators believed the sales tax was necessary as an emergency measure for support of education, few believed it should be increased. Under the present act, the rate will drop to 2 per cent next July 1 but Merriam proposed that it be increased to 3 per cent, to bring the state treasury $42,000,000 which it would not receive otherwise.

This admittedly was one of the most controversial subjects to be considered.

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Legislators from the gold mining areas opposed the 2 per cent severance tax, insisting that there were few, if any, gold mining companies grossing as much as 2 per cent.

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In addition to recommending his 10-point taxation program, the governor suggested an alternative in the form of elimination of personal property taxes on motor vehicles and levying fees in lieu thereof for state purposes. This, he estimated, would raise $25,000,000 without increasing the tax load on the individual automobile owner.

It would, however, deprive counties and cities of that much revenue, and considerable pressure was expected, therefore, from those sources.

The unemployment relief program recommending a fund of $47,300,000 to be used exclusively in a public works program, made no provision for direct relief but was built along the lines of President Roosevelt's desire to spend the money in a productive manner. Funds would be raised, under Merriam's plan, by adding one cent to the gas tax, $23-300,000; assessing a 3 per cent consumers' tax on gas, electricity, telephone, telegraph and other utility services, $16,000,000, and taxing cigarets two cents per package of 20 and 10 per cent on other tobacco products, $8,000,000.

Major opposition to this plan was directed at the increased gas tax. A majority of legislators were understood to oppose such an increase. Every one expected heavy pressure to be brought to bear against it.

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Another fight loomed on the administration's proposal to include all county roads in the state highway system. County boards of supervisors are battling the plan and legislators from the agricultural and mountain areas are doubtful whether it should be adopted.

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Merriam made no provision in his message for retiring the present deficit of approximately $30,000,000, other than to suggest that the shortage may be absorbed through increased revenues, or through an amortization plan to be absorbed through increased revenues, or through an amortization plan to be submitted to the electorate.

## Unemployment Insurance Adequate Protection for Aged Seems Sure

By MELVIN LORD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Enactment of social legislation along the lines of unemployment insurance and more adequate protection for the aged appears assured if the number of such bills already introduced in the legislature may be taken as indicative of the trend.

Numerous bills call for state unemployment insurance, but the one expected to have the most substantial backing was based on a report of a special legislative committee made after two years study of the question.

This measure would provide establishment of a reserve fund made up of contributions at the rate of 3 per cent of the payroll by the employer and 1 per cent of the worker's wages. It would be paid out in time of need at rates ranging from $7 to $15 a week.

Other proposals submitted call for even participation by the employer and employe, and three-way contributions by the state, employer and worker.

Several amendments to the states old age security law have been introduced also, most of them calling for a minimum payment of $30 a month and a maximum of $50. The maximum now is $30 and the average under $20 a month. Another bill also would reduce the minimum age from 70 to 65 years.

A more radical departure in social legislation was presented in the lower house by Assemblyman Leon M. Donihue, Alameda, under the proposed title of meritorious service act.

Under this plan any person over 50 years of age having lived in California for 10 years or more would be eligible to receive treasurer's receipts from the state at a rate equal to $2 per month for each year of productive residence within the state. Payments also would be provided for physically disabled persons and dependent children of persons eligible to receive benefits.

## Record Established in This Police Court

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—A record was established here when a police court jury brought in a decision 15 minutes after the trial began.

Joe Bunch, itinerant, defended himself against Prosecutor Joseph Knowles. After Bunch had pleaded his case, Knowles declined to argue opining that Bunch had convicted himself.

The jury immediately returned a verdict of guilty.


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# TAHOE REGION NEWS

By Swanee

Joe T. Howrigan, 41, until a year ago a resident of Tahoe with his wife and daughter, died at his home in Sacramento Monday the 28th, following a lingering illness. His demise was not unexpected as he had received the last rites of the Catholic church some weeks ago. He was a retired groceryman, formerly with the firm of Catron & Howrigan. While at Tahoe was employed by the Lake Tahoe Lumber company. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Citizen's mortuary, with friends attending mass at St. Francis church in Sacramento. Many floral pieces were sent from friends at Tahoe who offer his family sincere sympathy.

A special meeting is to be held at Tahoe Inn Tuesday night to be attended by officials of the SERA for the purpose of discussing the features of the new community hall which is being attempted here, lots for the new building, which will be erected across from the grammar schoolhouse, will be presented the Tahoe school district by H. F. Droste. Active interest and co-operation is being evinced on all sides.

Tahoe has been basking in the sunshine now for nearly a week, with highways open and in good shape—all gratitude to the highway department who have worekd faithfully on 24-hour shifts rendering excellent service here, considering the equipment available for their use. The plow started from Truckee Sunday and by Friday night had a good two way road cleared. The snow pack has settled rapidly under the steady sunshine and now only about three or four feet remains on the level, with only half this amount in town.

Many residents taking advantage of their release went to Reno for supplies and recreation, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duffee and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Worden and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Mayfield, Mrs. George Bliss, Fred Setlee Walter Mandeville, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Charles and Oliver Henrikson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver and Walter, Anna Rae and Tyler Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nielsen.

Mrs. Bob Harkness Monday was taken to the Auburn hospital. The patient has been suffering for several months with what is believed to be a bad case ofarthritis and neuritis, her husband accompanied her to Auburn.

Mrs. D. M. Brodehl underwent an emergency operation Monday at the Damron hospital in Stockton. She was taken ill last week and rushed to the hospital Friday when her condition became worse.

News of the Shasta meet was not available at this time as Lars Haugen had not returned.

Little Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brodehl, returned home Monday after having enjoyed a visit at his grandmother's home in Placerville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henry were hosts at a dinner aprty and social evening, their guests being Mrs. Mary Planett Fred Planett, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Haugen and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reynolds.

On Friday a P.-T. A. meeting was held at the high school building, a fair attendance present with Mrs. Joe Duffee presiding. The subject of the proposed new community hall through SERA assistance received considerable discussion.

Mrs. Bliss Hinkle, high school teacher, reported that the tickets sold to date on the hand blocked quilt made by Mesdames Joe Duffee and Hendrikson, to be raffled off to raise money to pay Mr. Fox for orchestra instruction had netted an amount exceeding $60. The drawing will be made at an entertainment, the date of which will be announced later on. The next meeting of the P.-T. A. will be held the 6th, the first Wednesday in February, weather and highway conditions permitting.

Professor Henry Hinkle will speak over radio station KGO Monday, February 4, at 8 p.m. during the Stanford hour.

Robert Cowell has returned from Sacramento and will remain for the winter.

The Misses Lillian and Florence Vernon have returned after having enjoyed a vacation of several months in southern California where they visited with friends and relatives.

The Tahoe Ski club met at the Women's clubhouse Friday night, more than 50 attending. The prizes won at the recent meet were distributed to the winners. Mrs. Henry Wehrman was hostess, serving refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting. Carl Bechdolt Jr., Jack Anderson and Junior Henry were elected to attend the Yosemite meet and represent the Tahoe club on February 2 and 3. The ski club has postponed their second snow frolic which was advertised for February 3 in order that members and friends might attend Truckee's American Legion celebration. The new date has not yet been set.

Before another Tahoe meet, repairs will be made to the bridge crossing the creek on the way to Ski hill canyon. Any number of accidents were narrowly averted during the last meet, many ladies who couldn't cross the narrow bridge piled high with snow, being forced to take the detour which crossed the creek, where a few went through the ice and had to be helped out. Tim Wilson of Reno was admitted to the club as a new member, other Reno members attending being Jas. Scrugham, Fred Hodge and Fred Steimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong made a trip to Sacramento Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarthy returned to Tahoe following an extended business trip.

Otto Darlin was a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. H. D. Worden received word last week that her brother-in-law J. E. Doherty passed away in Oakland last Tuesday. His wife, Mrs. Worden's sister, died four months ago. Because of highway conditions the Wordens were unable to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Evelyn Nielsen sued her husband, Lief Nielsen, for divorce in the Sacramento courts last week, charging extreme cruelty and asking custody of their 7-year-old daughter and $75 a month support.

Captain Mawdsley Friday night motored to Oakland where he remained until Sunday, his wife returning home with him.

Mrs. Van Loan of the SERA arrived Tuesday to sign up men for new projects here in the near future. The job of clearing the forests of broken and infested trees is under way under the supervision of William Oliver.

The friends of Inspector Everett McKee and Dorothy Fiebel of Sacramento will be interested to learn of their marriage at Auburn last week end, Al Keena of that icty acting as best man. They had planned to have the ceremony performed at Tahoe but new men arriving at the traffic school Monday at Sacramento where "Mac" is in charge, made it necessary for him to be at work on that day. They will live in Sacramento for the present.

## HENRY FORD TODAY

This is the latest portrait of Henry Ford, the automobile magnate, and it has been given his approval.

## Legislators Will Leave Sacramento With More Than 2000 New Bills

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Legislators will leave here Saturday with more than 2000 bills in their brief cases to mull over during the 30-day recess. Although the estimate doesn't include resolutions, the number of measures introduced does not reach the total of the last session.

According to the legislative council, the decrease is probably due to the fact that legislators are concerned principally over revenue measures to balance the budget and feel there will be little opportunity to consider legislation of lesser importance.

## Civil Service Employes Have Probationary Status

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Many of the state employes given a probationary status under the new civil service act may not receive permanent ratings until about the middle of next August.

Controller Ray L. Riley, member of the personnel board, said the probationary period probably would be fixed at the maximum allowed under the new law—eight months—in order to hold examinations for those serving under temporary authorization. He estimated approximately 6000 workers were subject to examination.

Employes not holding permanent ratings may be discharged at any time during the probationary period.

### PERSONALITY

Why go through life from day to day seeing things that do not concern you and talking about honest folk. Although this will not injure you, it is much better that this kind of a human being had never been born.

Life is short at its best and no one knows when the curtain call will be, so quit your grouching and live and let others live as kindly as possible. Let your fellow man see you smile for every one loves to laugh, and to laugh often is what we want. Don't complain. Do not tell your troubles. No one will care anyway and if you don't feel just right—smile and laugh it off, not for just one day but from day to day. You will then begin to realize what this world is about.

How happy you will be just to see others about you making life a pleasure. Sure, life is good, so smile, damn you, smile, even if it hurts. While doing so your fellow man will grasp you by the hand and say, "Oh, what a man." You will always find a hearty welcome and other people will say, "I wish I could be like John Jones. He can make you laugh or make you cry."

In reality you wonder just what thing it is that makes you do your best to inspire a wonderful way to go through life laughing and smiling.

Your humble servant, smiling,
BILL JOHNSTON.

## Bank of America Shows Big Earnings for Year

Earnings of $11,443,000 for the year 1934 were reported by Bank of America N. T. & S. A. and its associated state bank, the Bank of America (California). For the latter half of the year earnings amounted to $6,229,000 or more than a million dollars a month.

Commenting on the year-end statement, A. P. Giannini, chairman of the board and president, said "The state of California has had an exceptionally good year, and its prosperity is reflected in the report of Bank of America, with total deposits of $997,696,000 as of December 31.

The increase in farm value of crops and the gain in business activity in this state is marked by one of the largest increases in individual and corporation savings and commercial deposits ever recorded by our bank. These deposits showed a gain of $136,646,000 during 1934, out of a total deposit increase of $171,644,000 for the year.

It is also indicative of the effect of the government's financial program and of the accumulation of tax money in larger amounts than in recent years, that there was a large increase in public funds on deposit with us. With branches in 255 California cities and towns. Bank of America serves as an active banker for virtually all government agencies in this state.

The bank carries 1753 accounts of federal, state, county and municipal treasurers throughout our state wide system. These include the accounts of 194 postoffices and the official checking accounts of 141 postmasters; 318 accounts of cities and municipalities; 202 county accounts; 98 accounts of irrigation, reclamation, water, utility, bridge and highway districts as well as accounts of the state treasurer, the treasurer of the United States and the comptroller of the currency.

Bank of America has been one of the foremost banks of the nation in co-operating with the Federal Housing administration during the past year. As of December 31, the bank has made 5371 individual home modernization loans in the total amount of $2,111,297. According to Alfred B. Swinerton, regional director of the FHA, this amount is approximately equal to the total modernization loans made by all other banks in California.

Bank of America declared dividends aggregating $3,851,250 during 1934 and allocated $4,645,000 to reserves for depreciation, losses, contingencies, etc. The bank added $2,946,000 to undivided profits during the year, bringing to the total of this account to $17,922,000 as of December 31. Total resources amounted to $1,167,754,000 at the year-end.

## Traveling Around America

—Photo Grace Line

### INDIAN TEMPTATIONS

ONE might think from the size of this pile of rugs that the vendor is distributor for a factory. On the contrary he offers for sale a handwoven product which represents weeks of painstaking toil. Scores of such vendors throng the central market in Guatemala City selling richly embroidered jackets; gayly decorated handwoven baskets; rugs; pottery adorned with fantastic and highly colored designs; blankets; and all sorts of Indian handicraft which offer many temptations to the bargain-hunters visiting the capital city on the fortnightly cruises between New York, Central America and California.

Many of these articles are examples not only of the Indians' clever workmanship but of their skill in dye-making as well—for some of the natives still employ the dyeing methods handed down from their ancestors who were past masters in the art. They obtain their most gorgeous color, Tyrian purple from the murex shellfish—found along the west coast of Nicaragua—by a process so tedious that only the patient Indians would ever bother with it. They collect a number of the shellfish, dry the sea-soaked shells on the shore, then gently squeeze each one until a few drops of fluid is forced from the fish inside. Finally they dip the thread they wish to dye into this fluid treating each length singly, then spread it out so that exposure to the air may bring out the royal hue. This done, the fish are returned to the sea—to recuperate so they may dye again.


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## HOBART MILLS

The regular meeting of the Parent Teacher association was held Thurs day evening and due to so much ill ness in town there was a smaller attendance out than usual. The social part of the evening had been postponed due to so much storm and only regular business was handled. Community singing was enjoyed before the meeting with Mrs. Atkins at the piano. Plans were discussed for the card party to be given on February 14th. One new member joined the association during the eve ning. After the meeting Mrs. Vere Mack invited those present who wished to play cards for an hour to adjourn to her home. A pleasant social evening was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Hannah Stewart has return ed home after a stay of three weeks in Los Angeles where she was call ed by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. William Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is somewhat improved and while still bedfast is brighter and seemingly holding her own.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry French were called to Modesto late Saturday eve ning due to the serious illness of Mrs. French's mother. T. K. Oliver drove the Frenchs to Modesto and Mr. French returned with Mr. Oliver Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood return ed home from several weeks stay in San Francisco where Mrs. Wood went for the benefit of her health.

Ray McDonald returned from a week's visit with his family in Sacramento.

T. D. Thiebault and Jim Fippin spent the week end in the west end of the county where they visited friends.

Miss Ruth Bock and Mrs. Irma Atkins visited in Reno Saturday.

Jack Chubbick has gone to Sacramento where he has enrolled in the junior college for the spring semester.

Jack Murray and Ken Powell went to Sacramento last Saturday afternoon where they spent the week end.

Mrs. Adrian Egbert is confined to her home suffering from an injured knee caused by a fall while sleigh riding recently.

Mrs. H. G. Seibold is very much improved and able to be around in her home after a three weeks' illness.

All but three of the children in the primary room of the local school were absent all of last week due to severe cold.

Ray Cavallo has returned home from Reno where he has been attending high school. Mr. Cavallo graduated from the Reno high school last Thursday evening.

Miss Ruth McLeod has reutrned from a week end visit with friends in Sacramento.

T. K. Oliver left Tuesday evening for a few days' visit in Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill and son visited relatives in Grass Valley Sunday.

Mrs. Barney Phipps has returned to her home from a short visit in San Francisco.

G. D. Oliver arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend several days in town on business.

Mrs. Ray McDonald is a patient at the Hobart hospital.

Dr. G. A. Kelley who formerally practiced here passed away recently in Reno. Dr. Kelley was well known here by some of the old timers and had been located at Bridgeport previous to his last illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vere Mack visited in Reno Sunday and took in the show.

Mrs. H. Young is reported suffering from a severe cold.

The three young children of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Edwards who were quite ill with the flu last week have recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Martin and family spent the week end in Sacramento where they visited Mrs. Martin's father and mother.

Mrs. Bernice Waters who has often visited at the Frank Wilson home was married at Minden recently. Mrs. Waters who has been living at Big Pine, Inyo county, with relatives for the past year, married Ernest L. Norris of Bishop where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cross spent the week end at Homewood, Lake Tahoe, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cohenour.

## NORDEN NEWS

The Tourist club of San Francisco arrived at their headquarters here in goodly numbers last week end and remained over for several days to bask in the sunshine and cavort about in the snow.

Harold Boomer and Okla Hensley are enjoying the scenery between Norden and Truckee daily where they are employed.

The Boomer family enjoyed several hours in Truckee Saturday eve ning visiting.

The Backarich brothers are about ready to turn in their old car for a new 1935 Ford since they are not receiving all the service from their present car that they feel is due.

George Gotthart and Andrew Pfeif fer passed through here earlier in the week bound for Truckee.

The Pinocle tournament at the Clarence Libby residence is proving quite interesting for Peixotto and Libby who are paired with Mrs. Lib by and Casari, the last named are on the short end of the tally.

Mrs. George Kading is making an extended stay in Sacramento.

John C. Lyons is in the capitol city on business.

Barney Moore and Thomas Gorman remained over the last week end to enjoy the snow sports and high altitude.

Manuel Berry found it necessary to remain over in Sacramento last week on business.

Harry Fng of Truckee spent a pleasant week end visiting with Jim Leung of Tunnel Six, many interesting events were talked over dur ing that time.

The N. R. Marion home was filled with friends over the week end with Marion enjoying several good cigars furnished by some of Norden's popu lar young men.

Mrs. Frank Rector, daughter Jewell, made a hurried trip to Reno.

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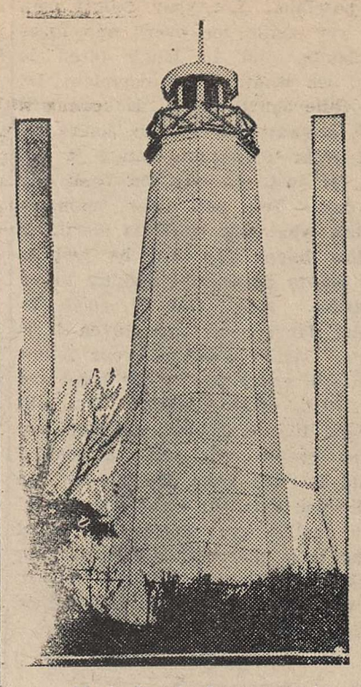

The Mark Twain beacon light at Hannibal, Mo., was recently lighted when President Roosevelt turned a golden key at Washington. The light of the beacon started the year's celebration of the Mark Twain centennial in the little town where Mark Twain spent his boyhood.

## U. S. C. S. Commission Warns Against Promises

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—The United States civil service commission says that numerous letters received at its office from different parts of the country indicate that misleading information is being given to the public by agents of some of the correspondence schools which give instructions in preparation for civil service examinations.

To guard against the loss of money paid for tuition of this kind the civil service commission informs the public as follows:

No one can promise appointments to positions for which the United States civil service commission holds examinations. The claim that such assurance can be given brands the person making it as a fraud.

Information regarding examinations for the United States civil service may be obtained from the boards of United States civil service examiners. There is such a board in each community which has a postoffice of the first or the second class. In nearly all cities the civil service board is located at the postoffice.

Before paying money for tuition or signing a contract, it is advisable to make inquiry concerning the prospect of examinations There is reason to believe that agents of some schools deceive the public as to the probability of early examinations.

No school has advance information regarding the need of employes or the probability of examinations.

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## Masonic Fraternity Will Co-Operate in Public Schools Week This Year

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The 141,000 members of the Masonic fraternity in California were called on to participate in the 16th annual observance of public schools week by proclamation issued here by Randolph V. Whiting, grand master of Masons in California. The date for the observance was fixed for the week beginning April 8.

All members of the Masonic order were requested to co-operate with the Parent-Teacher organizations, the American Legion, chambers of commerce, women's and service organizations and leaders of civic and official life who annually unite to make the week a community affair.

The primary purpose of Public Schools Week is to afford the people in general and the parents of school children in particular, an opportunity to become thoroughly informed upon all matters relating to public education and its support and to insure that close contact between the people and their schools which is so essential to a continuance of the faith and confidence upon which the schools so necessarily depend.

The schools are our schools. They do not belong to the teachers, nor the principals, nor the superintendents, nor even, exclusively, to the children, but to all of us.

They are for all the children of all the people, and to them go the children of the rich and of the poor alike. They are maintained and supported by public funds, and there is no one who does not contribute either directly or indirectly to that support. And we have a right to expect that they will provide for every child an education suited to his needs, inclinations and capability.

It must be therefore obvious that there is no citizen of our community who is not vitally concerned in whether or not we have good schools and in whether or not they are adequately and wisely financed, and in whether they are extravagantly, or economically, administered. The opinion he forms should be based on authoritative information with respect to the schools in his community, and there is no better opportunity of acquiring that information than is afforded during Public Schools Week.

The personnel of the state committee to have charge of the annual observance will be announced shortly.

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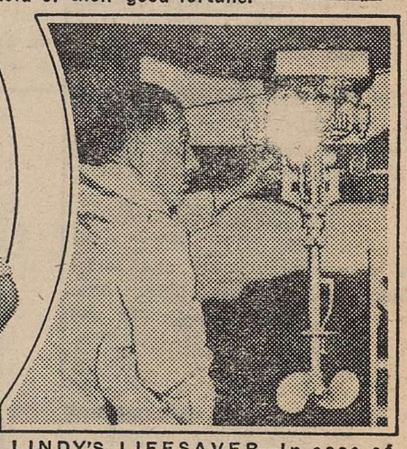
## Iowa's First Old Age Pensioner

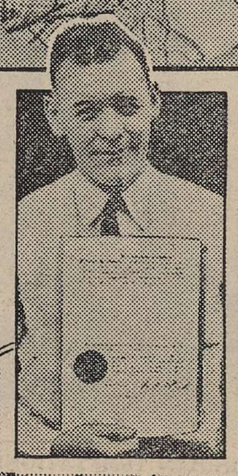
Joseph Newt Finney, seventy-year-old pioneer of Bremer county, Iowa, the first man to receive an old-age pension from the state of Iowa. He is shown accepting the check from Postmaster Kohlmann of Waverly.

# In The WEEK'S NEWS

FORTUNE SMILES—Just when things seemed blackest, Mrs. Margaret Stack, mother of four and wife of an unemployed Philadelphia loom-fixer, won first prize of $5,000 in $10,000 Sunny Jim contest staged by Hecker H-O Company. Here are Mrs. Stack and her youngest son, Buddy, aged 9, all smiles on being told of their good fortune.



LINDY'S LIFESAVER—In case of emergency, this outboard motor will propel plane in which the Lindberghs are surveying Iceland air route. It is carried in the baggage compartment and in use is placed between the pontoons.



PARDONED BY ROOSEVELT. Congressman Francis J. Shoemaker of Minnesota, the only ex-convict in Congress, has been pardoned in full by the President. Shoemaker was convicted of "libelous and defamatory" endorsements on envelopes in 1930.

IMMORTALIZED!—Blarney, champion Irish terrier of Detroit, poses for latest "Body by Fisher" billboard.

KIDNAPED—John J. O'Connell, Jr., 24, nephew of Albany, N. Y., political bosses, who is being held for $250,000 ransom by daring kidnapers.

WHITE HOUSE WINE CASK—This wooden wine cask with glass interior was made for President Roosevelt by Joe Morinello, Lackawanna, N. Y., inventor who spent ten years perfecting process of inserting glass in wood.

FAVORS QUALITY BUYING. Samuel Messer, president Quaker State Oil Refining Company, declares that cheap oils and greases are conducive to automobile repair bills which are avoidable by use of quality products. New cars with extreme pressure gears must have extreme pressure lubricants to insure successful operation.

## "A new standpoint"

DURING the experiences of the past few years, many of those meeting with material reverses have tried to console themselves with the popular theory that economic affairs run in cycles, and that therefore a cycle of hard times must necessarily be succeeded by a cycle of prosperity. A similar thought, expressed under another figure, represents the pendulum of experience alternating between extremes of good and ill, and argues that, because of the recent depression, its next swing must inevitably take the world back to a former period of material plenitude. Gradually, however, it is becoming apparent that such a swing is not likely to occur; that conditions may never be just as they were in former years. Abundance is as much a fact today as it ever was, and a normal general sense of well-being must be—is being—restored; but ground swept away by the recent financial cataclysm cannot be reoccupied. . . .

In this connection, great significance attaches to a passage which occurs on page 556 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. She says, "Mortal mind must waken to spiritual life before it cares to solve the problem of being," and adds, "but when that awakening comes, existence will be on a new standpoint."

Is not this awakening even now manifest? In almost every nation there is more or less evidence of the unrest that accompanies awakening. Human beings are beginning to shake off the lethargic dream of satisfaction in materiality. A "divine discontent" is stirring in the breasts of some of the world's leaders. An indication of this is that never before were so many thinkers of all shades of opinion engaged in efforts to solve human problems. There seems to be general recognition of the fact that mankind needs to take a new standpoint. A more spiritual sense of being already shows itself in a fuller perception of the brotherhood of man, in the demand for equal rights among all men, and in a clearer understanding that the well-being of one class cannot be secured at the expense of any other class. There would seem to be no longer a "forgotten man"; the humblest now may voice a claim to consideration. Many long-sought objectives, such as shorter hours of work and better pay, improved living conditions, protection for child workers, and so forth, have drawn nearer realization than ever before. Slowly, but as yet imperfectly, wrongs are being righted; justice is being vindicated; compassion is finding expression. Spiritual thinking prevails over material thinking every time the smallest victory is secured for the right.

A beautiful hymn written by Mrs. Eddy includes the following lines (Poems, p. 14):

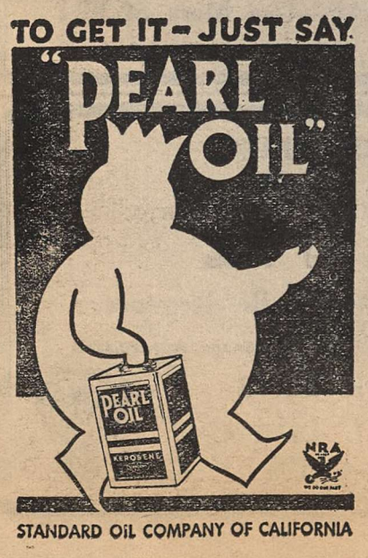
"Thou wilt bind the stubborn will,
Wound the callous breast,
Make self-righteousness be still,
Break earth's stupid rest."

The simple adjective employed in the last line epitomizes with remarkable clearness the testimony of some who have enjoyed to the full the material luxury the world offers and freely admit that after all it is but a "stupid rest." The breaking of earthly dependencies, however, may sometimes seem to be a painful process, and the average human being, while aspiring to peace on earth, clings contentedly to the things of earth. Only those of deeper religious insight can perceive that only by the relinquishment of a false sense of ease in matter can genuine spiritual peace be attained.

We read in Exodus that "the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron," saying, "Ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger." From this we may deduce that they had visioned physical ease and material plenty after escaping from Egypt, whereas they encountered dangers and hardships. This period of discipline, however, supplied them with overwhelming proofs of the omnipotence of Spirit, so that later they declared, "All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient."

Centuries afterward, when their nation was under the Roman yoke, some of the Jews believed that Jesus' mission was to reëstablish the Hebrew nation in all its former prestige and glory. But such was not the case. Jesus' sublime life-work and supreme sacrifice were not for the purpose of building or rebuilding a structure of material satisfaction. By example and precept he taught the laws of God, through the understanding of which he dominated matter instead of being dominated by it.

It is not to be inferred that riches are evil in themselves, or that poverty is an advantage, but in experiences, however sharp, which turn one to God and away from subservience to any form of materiality, let none shrink from the effort to prove complete reliance on God. To those who pass through such tests clinging to the truth, the promise remains, "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."—*The Christian Science Monitor.*



## Variety in Legislation Offers Wide Range of Subjects This Year

By GEORGE E. HELMER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Variety in legislation will give California assemblymen and senators a wide range of subjects to study and argue when the second half of the session begins in March.

Proposals introduced in both the houses ranged from bills changing fishing laws in certain localities to widesweeping economic and social reform measure which would affect every resident of the state.

The diversified content of the legislation is illustrated by the following bills which seek to:

Provide state aid for self-help, cooperative groups, and a production for use program.

Establish a California aviation commission to regulate air traffic and tax aircraft fuel.

Organize a state police system using the highway patrol as a basis.

Levy a state income tax; increase the bank and corporation franchise, inheritance and beverage taxes.

Exempt from taxation the first $1000 valuation of homes.

Extend to every person who has resided in California 10 years the home purchase program now offered only to veterans.

Tax natural resources taken from the soil or water.

Establish a system of state-owned liquor stores.

Cancel the three-day, or gin marriage law

Limit the working week to 30 hours for all classes of employment.

Establish a state reformatory for first offenders.

Investigate prison conditions with a view toward establishing a new prison in southern California.

Provide the death penalty for smuggling firearms into state prisons.

Make the state legislature nonpartisan and combine the two houses into one body of 100 members, elected on the basis of population, with no one county allowed more than 25 per cent of the membership.

Tax chain stores.

Tax diesel fuel burned in vehicles using the public highways.

Make more liberal the provisions of the old age security act.

Provide a system of unemployment insurance.

Fix all superior judges' salary at $6000 a year.

Extend the mortgage moratorium from one to three years.

Require that all automobiles after January 1, 1936, be equipped with safety glass.

Tax all butter substitutes.

Give city and county officials and voters power to force the state board of equalization to deny certain liquor licenses (a modified form of local option).

Remove the word "teachers" from California's state colleges.

Make the fish and game commission elective, from five districts, instead of appointive.

Establish a state utilities commission to supplant the state railroad commission and make it elective instead of appointive.

Construct and operate a state rail way system across the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge.

Amend the constitution, by popular vote, to float a $100,000,000 bond issue to balance the state budget.

Repeal all present liquor laws and place liquor control in the hands of the legislature.

Retain the present two and one-half per ecnt sales tax rate.

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### Christian Science

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," These words from I John comprise the Golden Text to be used Sunday February 3, in all churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon will be "Love." Included among the Scriptural selections will be: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price . . . Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David" (Isaiah 55: 1, 3).

The following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included: "Love is impartial and universal in its adaption and bestowals . . . All nature teaches God's love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual" (pp. 13, 326).

## California's State Fair Becomes Self-Supporting

California's state fair has become self-supporting and will need no further legislative appropriations, according to A. B. Miller, Fontana, chairman of the board of directors.

Miller said the exposition treasury at the start of the new year showed a cash balance of $133,000 as against an operating deficit of $285-000 two years ago. The 1934 fair returned a surplus of $33,000 in addition to the $100,000 revolving fund set aside by the legislature to operate the exposition, he reported.

The improved financial condition was attributed chiefly to the sale of scrip books and curtailment of the pass list.

## More Golf Enthusiasts in the West Than the East

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Golf enthusiasts on the Pacific coast far outnumber those in the east, according to Gene Sarazen, international famous professional golfer who participated in the Sacramento open.

"California should be the scene of the next P. G. A. or Ryder Cup matches. Golf followers here are far more enthusiastic than those in other sections of the country. They should be given the benefit of seeing a major tournament," Sarazen said.

## Score of Plans About Gas Tax Being Presented

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—While a score of plans dealing with California's gasoline tax were being presented to the state legislature, a summary of gasoline sales revealed that the levy on motorists netted the state a total of $39,625,055 in 1934, according to the state board of equalization.

The total represented an increase of 8 per cent over the previous year, the first gain reported since 1931 and believed to be indicative of a return to better economic conditions throughout the state.

The December assessments added $3,324,018 to the total.

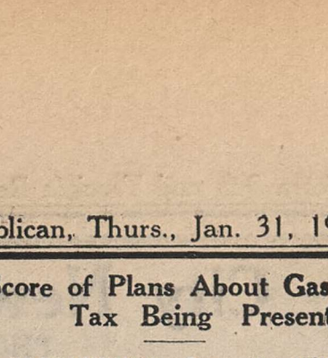
While announcement of the increase was being made, Governor Merriam recommended that the tax be increased from 3 to 4 cents a gallon as one means of raising $23-300,000 for unemployment relief during the next two-year period.

This recommendation was only one of many already before the legislature dealing with the tax by which the state finances construction of highways.

One bill proposes the diversion of approximately $16,000,000 from the gasoline tax fund to the general fund for the payment of interest and principal on state highway bonds.

In direct opposition to this proposal the administration is on record in favor of no diversion and the inclusion of all roads in the state highway system. Under this latter proposal, the counties would receive no allocation from the gasoline tax, the cities would receive one-half cent per gallon of instead of one-fourth cent and the remainder would be expended by the state for highways throughout California.

Several other bills have been introduced providing for the use of gasoline taxes, hitherto refunded when the motor fuel was used in airplanes, for the development of municipal airports throughout the state.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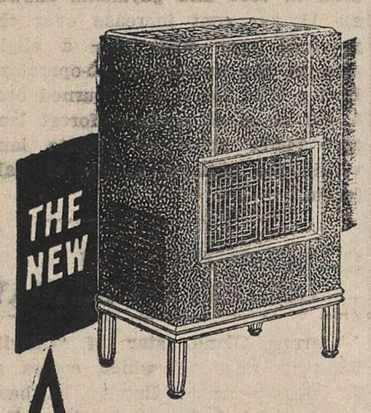


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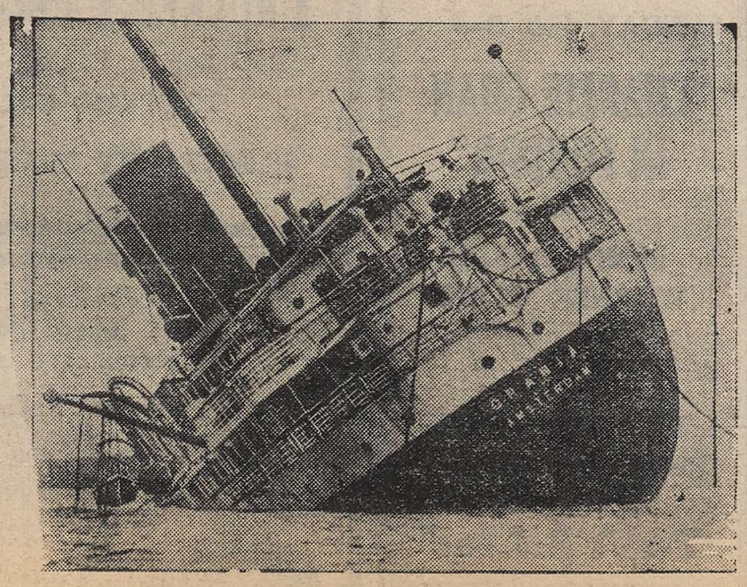

This dramatic picture shows the Dutch liner Orania going down thirt minutes after she was rammed by the inward bound Portuguese steame anda, at the port of Leixos, Portugal. The Orania's crew of 158 and passen s numbering 122 were all saved by small craft.

## Allocations of State Funds to Nevada County Will Amount to $494,128

By MELVIN LORD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—Allocations of various state funds to Nevada County during the 1935-37 fiscal period will amount to $494-128.27, according to estimates includ ed in Governor Merriam's biennial budget message to the legislature.

The total subventions to the 58 counties was estimated at $193,951-489 for the two-year period. This total was divided as follows:

Public school support, $145,483,-719; social welfare and public health $14,623,990 roads, $28,966,300; apportionment of liquor licenses, $3,-390,480; salaries of superior court judges and miscellaneous items, $1,-280,000.

So far there has been no movement in the legislature to change the allocation of funds to public schools. Rather the trend has been in favor of maintaining this support, representing the major governmental expenditure, at any cost.

The item of social welfare and public health may be even greater if bills already introduced to provide for increased benefits to the needy aged are approved by the legislature.

The estimated payments for roads necessarily is a tentative one inasmuch as there are numerous proposals to change allocations of vari ous highway funds, including the proposal that all of the roads in the state be taken into the state highway system.

The apportionment of liquor licenses also must be considered as tentative inasmuch as there are any number of bills before the legislature to change the entire liquor set up, one of which would provide a chain of state-owned liquor stores and necessarily reduce the income from licenses at least from the standpoint of local governments.

The state allowance of $4000 a year for salaries of superior judges is not expected to be changed.

## California's Livestock Industry Is Facing Improved Conditions

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 31. (UP)—After several years of uncertain conditions California's livestock industry is facing tremendously improved conditions, according to a summary of the federal-state crop reporting service.

Improvement in the pasture and range situation in California continued rapidly throughout December and in January the condition was re ported at 93, or 24 points higher than a year ago and 25 per cent above the average for this time of year.

All of the state has shared in this favorable condition. New pasturage is furnishing sufficient feed not only to maintain stock, but in many localities both cattle and sheep have been gaining.

Stockmen have been relieved of the necessity of making heavy pur chases of hay and concentrates to winter their animals. In the high mountains grazing prospects have been greatly improved by rain and snow and the snow pack also prom ises good water supplies this year.

The service reported a marked improvement in the general condition of cattle and calves. It was estimated there are 71,000 head of cattle on feed in the state at the beginning of the year.

Sheep and lambs also show additional improvement with the condition January 1 reported at 89 per cent or the heaviest since 1928 and 3 points above the 10-year average. New lamb crops are developing rapidly under the stimulus of plenty of milk and green pastures.

The number of lambs on feed was estimated at 106,000.

Additional rain this month forecasts a continuation of the favorable situation and with reasonably well-distributed rainfall through the next two months, it is expected that 1935 will be an excellent grazing year.

## Birthday Party Given in Honor of Patricia Mahne

Miss Patricia Mahne was the guest of honor at a birthday party given at her home by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Mahne, on Sunday celebrating her seventh birthday.

Games were enjoyed by the children and refreshments were sreved.

Those who attended the party were Mava Lee Thomas, Marcia and Buddy Pitts, Jan Bowers, Frances Domini, Margaret Anna and Larry Hearney, Marlene Joan Mahne and Patricia.

## Telegram Sent to President on Birthday, 90 Signatures

In common with other communities throughout the country, Frank Gaiennie, chairman of the Birthday Ball for the President sent a telegram of congratulations to President Roosevelt on his birthday with 90 names signed to the telegram. A charge of 25 cents was made for each name and this sum collected will help swell the fund for the fight on infantile paralysis.

## Six-Mile Unit Has Been Included in Sierra Way

An announcement made recently which is of interest to this region is contained in the order recently signed by the secretary of agriculture, which adds to the federal forest highway system an additional six miles extending from Little Truckee creek to the Placer county line. By adding this particular section of road, all of the Sierra Way from Mount Shasta to Lake Tahoe will be a forest highway as well as a state highway.

Halsey H. Dunning, chairman of the Sacramento Valley Highway com mittee of the California State Cham ber of Commerce, in commenting on this said: "We are greatly interested in the development of the Sierra Way, its completion will provide a high mountain highway, transversing a scenic area second to none in the world.

"The Sierra Way extends from Mt. Shasta on the north to Bakers field on the south and connects Las sen, Yosemite, Sequoia and General Grant national parks, together with many state parks such as Burney Falls, Mariposa, Big Trees and other scenic and recreation attractions.

"The addition of this short section of the route is necessary in order that federal funds may also be used in the improvement of the road, as well as state highway funds."

## CAMPFIRE GIRLS NEWS

The Natsihi group of Campfire Girls held its weekly meeting at the home of Dorothy Barner, one of its members.

Those who attended were Miss Louise Bolender, guardian; Miss Charlotte Pfeuffer, assistant guardian; Faye Sheppard, Sybil Gilman, Claire Gilman, Barbara Bolender, Elizabeth Gates, Majorie McAdams, Marie Johnson and the hostess, Dor othy Barner.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The Campfire Girls are sponsored by the P. T. A. and were organized recently and we wish them success.

The officers elected for the first term are Barbara Bolender, president; Sybil Gilman, vice president; Claire Gilman, Secretary; Patricia Carson, treasurer.

The council fire will be held Friday evening at the home of Elizabeth Gates.

Faye Sheppard and Dorothy Barner are scribes.

## Mexican Arrested for Stealing Overcoat

Manuel Ardelo, Mexican employe of the Southern Pacific, was arrest ed Saturday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by G. E. Hofmann for stealing his coat from the barber shop of Roy Feathers.

When leaving the barber shop Ardelo took the coat and put it on, while Mr. Hofmann and Mr. Feathers had their backs to him. Upon Mr. Hofmann's discovery of his loss a search was made for Ardelo who insisted the coat was his. He was arrested and held for trial Monday morning. After an investigation by the officers, who found that Ardelo was under the influence of liquor at the time and had no intention of stealing the coat, the charge was changed to drunkenness and he was released on condition that he leave town at once.

## Forest Service Protects Private Lands From Fire

Over 4,000,000 acres, or 88 per cent of the privately owned lands within the boundaries of the 18 national forests in California were by co-operative agreement with the United States forest service in 1934, under the same protection from forest fires as the government lands, according to a statement by S. B. Show, regional forester for California. A total of 1883 owners of private lands paid $63,922 or 1.6 cents per acre, which entitled them to the full protective organizations of the national forests consisting of lookouts, telephone lines, radio and airplane service and fire fighting personnel without any additional costs for fire suppression should fires oc cur on co-operative lands.

The total acreage of private lands under co-operative agreement in 1934 was 4,005,161 or 7 per cent more than in 1933 and payments showed an 11 per cent increase over the previous year with only a slight gain in the number of co-operators. During 1934 forest fires burned over 64,440 acres of national forest land and 14,571 acres of private land within the national forests of California.

# City News in Brief

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G. W. Butler of Donner Lake has been confined to his home by an attack of arthritis.

Father Daley has been a recent visitor at Portola.

Mrs. A. B. Polyanich will visit with her daughter, Frances, at Grass Valley from where she will go to San Francisco to visit for a week.

Miss Julia Cozzalio, who has been convelescing at her home since her return from St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, is now able to be out for a short time each day.

Mrs. T. E. Pinckney was called to Sacramento on Monday to attend the funeral of a friend.

Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held at the Saddlerock Grill Monday, February 4.

Miss Lovey and Earl Edmunds have been visiting at their home in town during the school recess.

George Carter and Miss Bernice Clemo were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Butler at Donner Lake.

Tony Besio, who is attending Sacramento Junior college, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Besio.

W. B. Gelatt of San Francisco was a business caller in town on Monday.

Jack McKelvey was taken to Nevada City Sunday for medical attention.

The Southern Pacific have had a tractor busy this week clearing the snow from their passenger and freight depot entrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brummond have returned from a five weeks' vacation when they visited Boulder Dam, Los Angeles and Santa Ana.

Phil Lees, who has been visiting at his home in Long Beach, arrived in town Wednesday.

There was no Lions club meeting Wednesday night due to the President's Ball and Card Party.

Carl Smith spent the week end at his home in San Francisco.

H. I. Snider, district ranger, was in Nevada City last week to attend a meeting of the district rangers of Tahoe National forest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wedel and family, former residents of Truckee, have left Grass Valley for San Fran cisco to make their home.

Jack Beckwith and Harold Barrett have returned to their work at the checking station after being confined to their homes by illness.

Mr. Landrith of Hobart Mills left Wednesday evening for San Francisco where he expects to receive medical attention.

## CHARLIE CHAN IN LONDON ON SUNDAY

Warner Oland, star of "Charlie Chan in London," which comes to the Donner theater Sunday, has been a successful actor all his life. But it was not until a few years ago, when he created the role of the smooth Chinese sleuth on the screen that he acquired his greatest fame.

Apparently it was destined that Earl Derr Biggers should create an oriental detective who, through the pages of his novels, would win the public's fancy and that Oland, who was born in Sweden, should so perfectly bring the shrewd, likeable Chan to life on the screen.

Probably when Warner Oland star ted out in life in Umea, Sweden, he had no thought of ever playing in Chinese roles, certainly he hadn't heard of motion pictures.

**"Peck's Bad Boy" on Wednesday**

Suggested by, rather than adapted from, the famous "Peck's Bad Boy" stories that delighted readers a gen eration ago, the Fox Film screen production of that name, coming on Wednesday to the Donner, has Jack ie Cooper as its star and Thomas Meighan in a story role. "Peck's Bad Boy" is in no sense a "kids" story. It is a rich human document.

Jackie, as Bill Peck, believes him self to be the son of Henry Peck, widower, but is actually the latter's adopted son. He is happy with his foster father until the arrival of Aunt Lily and her small son, Horace. These two set out to alienate father and son so that Horace may usurp Bill's place in the Peck house hold. They nearly succeed.

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## Sunshine Market Suspends Business

The Sunshine Market owned by Mrs. August Sassarini and managed by Miss Mary Savaldi and Jack Pistoria, suspended business this week. This grocery has been conducted for many years and specialized in Italian groceries. The stock and fixtures have been removed from the store and business will be conducted from a new location on River Street.

## Planting of Largest Shelter Belt Will Begin Soon

Initial work on the President's plan for a 1000-mile shelter belt of trees stretching from North Dakota to the Panhandle of Texas will commence early this spring with the planting by the U. S. forest serv ice of 4,000,000 trees on 150 miles of the belt located in six different states. Basing his statements on explorations of the region, contact with local authorities and scientific data F. A. Silcox, chief forester, says that the forest service is wholeheartedly back of planting shelter belts in the prairie-plains region and is more than ever convinced of the value of this project to agriculture and to the improvement of physical conditions.

Planting will be confined to a zone of agricultural land which under normal conditions should support productive farms and where there is an annual rainfall of from 18 to 20 inches on the western boun dary to 25 inches on the eastern side of the belt, which foresters say is sufficient precipitation to support tree growth under proper handling. No attempt will be made, except experimentally, to plant trees on marginal lands, which, because of alkalinity of the soil or deficient rain fall present an agricultural hazard. The shelter belt will not replace marginal lands but will make good agricultural lands more valuable and contribute to the permanency and stability of agriculture.

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